

Amendments to the Claims

In the claims:

Claims 1-6 (cancelled).

Please amend claims 7, 8, and 9 as follows:

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7. (currently amended) ~~Device-Apparatus~~ for welding together two bodies, ~~for instance pipes or plates~~, which are placed mutually in line against each other while leaving clear a weld groove, comprising a carrier for a welding torch guideable in longitudinal direction of the weld groove, characterized by at least two carriers each having at least two welding torches lying successively in the longitudinal direction of the weld groove and wherein said welding torches lie side by side in the longitudinal direction of said weld groove.
 8. (currently amended) ~~Device-Apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 7, wherein ~~the said~~ weld groove has outwardly diverging walls, and said two welding torches are comprised of a leading welding torch and a trailing welding torch characterized by means for moving at least each trailing welding torch reciprocally in a transverse direction ~~of the~~ relative to said weld groove.
 9. (currently amended) ~~Device-Apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that ~~these said~~ means are formed by a shaft pin driven for reciprocal sliding in each carrier and connected to ~~the respective at least~~ at least said trailing welding torch.

Add the following new claims 10 through 15:

10. (new) Method for welding together two bodies which include
- placing the two bodies mutually in line against each other while leaving clear a weld groove formed in the two bodies;

- placing two carriers each having two welding torches successively at a predetermined fixed distance in the longitudinal direction of said weld groove;
- moving said two carriers each having two welding torches in a peripheral direction relative to the two bodies such that said weld groove is filled with two welding layers in one welding pass by means of the two welding torches of said two carriers.

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11. (new) Method of claim 10 wherein said weld groove has outwardly diverging walls and each of said two carriers has a leading welding torch and a trailing welding torch, and at least said trailing welding torch of each of said carriers oscillates as said weld groove is filled.
 12. (new) Method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said trailing welding torch is oscillated at a greater amplitude than said leading welding torch.
 13. (new) Method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said trailing welding torch is oscillated at a frequency differing from that of said leading welding torch.
 14. (new) Method for welding together two pipes as claimed in claim 10, wherein each of said two carriers is moved over half a peripheral part of the said pipes per welding pass.
 15. (new) Method as claimed in claim 14, wherein each of said two carriers is moved in a downward peripheral direction of the pipes per welding pass.
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